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| Application Number | 10/087,493 |
| Filing Date | 2/28/2002 |
| First Named Inventor | Michael C. Rushford et al |
| Art Unit | 1763 |
| Examiner Name | Roberts P. Culbert |
| Attorney Docket Number | IL-10738 |

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a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

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i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) sm entity \$395

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) see attachment

iii. ☒ Other Additional Claims - see attachment

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

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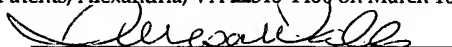
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| Applicants : | Michael C. Rushford et al | Docket No. : | IL-10738 |
| Serial No. : | 10/087,493 | Art Unit : | 1763 |
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AMENDMENT SUBMISSION IN REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 16, 2004, made final, kindly amend the above-referenced application as outlined below. The present amendment is submitted in a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), provided under 37 CFR 1.114, with the appropriate fee.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 20 of this paper.



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FEE AUTHORIZATION FOR AMENDMENTS WITH ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

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Sir:

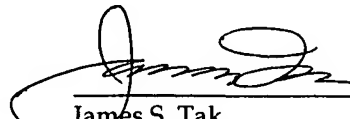
- Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified case in response to the Office Action dated September 16, 2004.
- The filing fee for this amendment is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

| | | | SMALL ENTITY | | LARGE ENTITY | | |
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| CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT | RATE | ADDIT. FEE | RATE | ADDIT. FEE | |
| TOTAL <u>27</u> | MINUS <u>65</u> | = <u>0</u> | \$25 | \$ <u>00.00</u> | \$50 | \$ <u>00.00</u> | |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL <u>8</u> | MINUS <u>6</u> | = <u>2</u> | \$100 | \$ <u>200.00</u> | \$200 | \$ <u>00.00</u> | |

TOTAL FEES \$ 200.00.

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Date 3-16-05